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SUBJ: PIGS AND VIOLENCE

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORT MARCH 23, ULSTER FARMERS UNION (A NI ORGANIZATION) HAS CLAIMED THAT ABOUT THREE THOUSAND PIGS ARE BEING SMUGGLED FROM NI INTO REPUBLIC EVERY WEEK, WITH MAXIMUM RATES RUNNING AS HIGH AS SIX THOUSAND WEEKLY. PRICE DIFFERENTIAL MAKES SMUGGLING ATTRACTIVE.

2. COMMENT: WE CANNOT COMMENT ON ACCURACY OF ABOVE FIGURES, BUT NO ONE DOUBTS THAT PIG SMUGGLING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH OCCURS ON MAJOR SCALE; EVEN IF VOLUME IS MUCH LOWER THAN CLAIMED, SUCH SMUGGLING HIGHLIGHTS DIFFICULTY OF BORDER CONTROLS. WHEN POLITICIANS ON BOTH SIDES DEMAND MEASURES TO PREVENT CROSS- BORDER FLOW OF MEN AND WEAPONS, IT WILL BE WORTH REMEMBERING THAT THREE THOUSAND PIGS SHOULD BE EASIER TO DETECT THAN A FEW MEN, SOME GUNS AND A FEW HUNDRED POUNDS OF GELIGNITE. MOORE

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